

Comments on the proposed conservation of *Oncopus* Thorell, 1876 and ONCOPODIDAE Thorell, 1876 (Arachnida, Opiliones)

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I found it strange that the names *Oncopus* and ONCOPODIDAE are pre-occupied, but I concur with the authors' view about the inconvenience of using a new name for both taxa since these two names are widely used in the arachnological literature. In addition, I am one of three Editors of a book currently in press with Harvard University Press (*Harvestmen: The Biology of Opiliones*) where both *Oncopus* and ONCOPODIDAE are used, and it would be bad if the names were replaced at the same time that the book came out. It would certainly create unnecessary confusion in the systematic community and would definitely not contribute to the interests of nomenclatural stability.

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Comments on the proposed fixation of the feminine gender of the genus *Trachys* Fabricius, 1801 (Insecta, Coleoptera) and the form of derivation of family-group names based on *Trachys*

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I do not support the proposed fixation of the feminine gender of *Trachys*. Articles 30.1.2 through 30.1.3 of the Code give clear guidance on determining the gender of genus-group names based on Greek words transliterated to Latin or with a Latin or latinized suffix. The grammatically correct treatment of the name *Trachys* is masculine. This fact was first recognized many years ago, and even Bílý & Kubáň themselves readily acknowledge such in their proposal. Additionally, neither of the exceptions specified in Article 30.1.4 is applicable to *Trachys* – Fabricius did use feminine endings for the included species but did not expressly state that *Trachys* was neither formed from nor treated as a Latin or Greek word, and, as Bílý & Kubáň